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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Section 1: Preliminary Statements:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) and the Official Gazette Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statement May Now Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Application in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" (August 5, 2003), only copies of references *other than* U.S. patents and U.S. published applications are enclosed herewith.

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Section 2. FORM 1449

A list of patents and publications is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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